

AGED WOMAN SLAYS CHILD AND HERSELF

GRUESOME TRAGEDY IS REPORT-
ED FROM NEAR ROEL-
LEN, TENN.

BROODED OVER SEPARATION

Mrs. Callahan Vowed the Parents
Could Not Take the Child from
Her—Mother Slept Uncon-
scious of the Tragedy.

Dyersburg.—A gruesome tragedy marred the Sabbath peacefulness of the little village of Roellen, six miles from Dyersburg, when Claude Greene, a clerk in a Dyersburg store, went home at midnight Aug. 27 and found his mother-in-law dead, with her throat severed from ear to ear, and a bloody savor beside her and the grandchild lying near by with its throat also cut. Both bodies were lying in the back yard. Mr. Greene's wife, all unconscious of the awful fate of her mother and baby, was peacefully sleeping in her room. Mrs. Callahan, the grandmother of the dead baby, was 60 years of age and had evidently killed the child and herself. The young couple were planning to move to Dyersburg in a few days, and this fact played upon Mrs. Callahan's mind, as she was fond of the eight-month-old child. She had said during the week that they would not take the little one away from her, but little had the parents thought that the grandmother would take such measures to prevent it.

HAUNTED BY AUTO.

Following Day's Trouble, Dreamer
Walks Out Second Story Window.

Covington.—About 1 a. m. Aug. 28 W. L. Battle of Arlington, Tenn., a traveling salesman, while dreaming that he was about to enter his automobile, arose from his bed in a room on the second story of a hotel, raised the wire screen in the window and stepped out.

He fell to the ground, a distance of about 25 feet, and fractured his left shoulder blade. His head and face were both badly cut and bruised.

Battle had been driving his car all the day before, and had a good deal of tire trouble. He said he did not wake up until he felt himself falling.

PLUNGES TO HER DEATH.

Woman Jumps From Moving Train
Into the Tennessee River.

Chattanooga.—Mrs. Rinda Ables, wife of a farmer living near Whitwell, in Marion county, jumped through a window of a train near Bridgeport, Ala., into the Tennessee river. The woman, who is said to have been in ill health, had been to Chattanooga for the day and was returning home. Other passengers on the train say they saw her drain a vial just before she leaped. Before making the jump she took off her coat, which she left on the seat in the train.

Favors Tennessee Site.

Knoxville.—George L. Berry, president of the International Pressmen's and Assistants' home at Rogersville, announced that he had received a letter from the chairman of the miners' union committee saying they were favorably impressed with East Tennessee as a location for their million-dollar home than any other part of the United States visited.

Engineers Postpone Meet.

Knoxville.—Owing to the uncertainty of the outcome of the negotiations for the eight-hour day, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has announced the postponement of the union meeting of the southeastern territory, which was scheduled for Richmond, Va., Sept. 4. This announcement was made by T. J. Hoskins of Knoxville, who is chairman of the association.

Settle Chattanooga Strike.

Chattanooga.—All the striking conductors and motormen returned to work and street car service was normal here after suspension of two days. Officials of the Chattanooga Railway and Light Company met with a committee representing the union for a series of conferences.

Boy Will Survive Kick.

Paris.—After being kicked by a horse and rendered unconscious, the little son of J. W. Stewart of the Whitlock section, will survive. The accident occurred at children's day exercises near Puryear.

Claim \$100,000 Alleged Damages.

Knoxville.—A number of coal operators of East Tennessee engaged counsel to bring suit against the Southern for recovery of approximately \$100,000, claimed to have been lost by them because of the alleged failure of the railroad company to furnish cars to transport coal.

It is said that the railroad company contends it has been unable to purchase additional equipment because of demands for increases in wages of employees to which it has acceded and because of reductions in tariffs.

TWENTY POUNDS NEW LIMIT.

First-Class Mail Weight Increased by
New Order.

Memphis.—Under information received here by the postoffice authorities, the limit of weight on first-class mail matter has been raised from four pounds to 20 pounds to any point in the United States, and the new order now is in effect.

In addition to this increase, the weight of the first-class matter has been increased to 50 pounds providing the shipment is to go to a point within a radius of 150 miles of the mailing point.

Postal officials declare this will operate to increase a great deal of business of certain kinds coming within the first-class designation. The order brings the first-class mail within competitive distances of the parcel post classification, the distance being the main barrier.

HONORS FOR MISS WHITE.

Daughter of Former U. D. C. President
to Unveil Shiloh Monument.

Paris.—Mrs. Cordella Powell Odenheimer, president general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, at Washington, D. C., has notified Miss Mildred White of this city of her appointment to unveil the monument being erected on Shiloh battlefield, near Corinth, Miss., by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Miss White is the only daughter of Mrs. Alexander B. White of this city, who was former president general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and who has been for about 10 years director general of the Shiloh monument fund and has had much to do with the success in the raising of nearly \$50,000 for the monument.

CAR STRIKE SETTLED.

Traffic in Chattanooga Has Been
Resumed.

Chattanooga.—Street car traffic was resumed here after two days' interruption on account of the conductors and motormen strike. Members of the street car union ratified proposals made by their committee to officials of the Chattanooga Railway and Light Company, providing for recognition of the union and reinstatement of former employees who had been discharged for promoting the union's organization. Company officials offered to continue the negotiations on a working agreement, and both sides agreed to submit to arbitration such questions as they could not agree upon.

RYMAN LINE BANKRUPT.

One of Oldest Steamboat Concerns
Operating on the Cumberland.

Nashville.—The Ryman line, one of the oldest steamboat lines operating on the Cumberland river, filed a petition in bankruptcy last week. Referee Lee Brock appointed R. B. Howell receiver and he took over the affairs of the company.

Three boats, the Henry Harley, Robert Rhea and Bob Dudley, have been operated by this company.

Pilots Ambulance and Victim.

Jackson.—Jacksonians are praising Miss Nettie Moss for her heroic work and unselfish activity in behalf of the dead and injured at the Harlan-Morris plant explosion. With the undertakers and other drivers busy looking after the bodies of the dead at the morgue, the situation demanded outside help in operating the heavy auto ambulance. Miss Moss, who is a splendid chauffeur, was equal to the occasion, and for three hours steered the machine filled with the dead and injured from the scene to the morgue and hospitals.

Alligator in Cumberland River.

Clarksville.—Herbert Hambaugh brought to this city an alligator caught in Cumberland river. Mr. Hambaugh went to the river at an early hour to run his trot line, when he discovered the reptile lying in the eddy. How many there were Mr. Hambaugh did not state. It is supposed the remainder of the family was somewhere in the neighborhood.

Encourage Good Road Building.

Memphis.—The need of good roads in the south, crop diversification and greater co-operation between the farmer and the merchant were emphasized by speakers at the meeting of the Cotton States Merchants' Association. Prof. A. H. Melville of the University of Wisconsin urged the delegates to encourage good road building.

Fair Was a Big Success.

Clarksville.—The last day of the Montgomery county fair attracted an unusually large crowd. The work of the canning club girls has been the subject of much favorable comment.

About two hundred visiting delegates participated in the annual convention of Christian churches of the First Tennessee district, in session at the First Christian Church in Bristol. Gov. Rye issued a pardon to Ben Williams of Manly county, a convict serving a sentence of ten years in the state penitentiary for second degree murder.

The sixth annual Eagleville fair was held last week and an immense crowd attended. The exhibits were fine and the premium list greater than at any previous fair here.

NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM OVER WORLD

HAPPENINGS IN OUR OWN AND
OTHER COUNTRIES HERE
ARE BRIEFLY TOLD.

SHORT ITEMS FOR BUSY MEN

Condensation of Week's News Re-
viewed Without Comment—All
Nations Find Something to
Edify and Instruct.

Germany has issued a blacklist of certain Dutch firms which are denied German goods and those Dutch merchants who supply the blacklisted firms with German goods are threatened with a similar boycott.

Big business men of Chicago are being urged to accept commissions in the new quartermaster's reserve corps authorized by congress. Col. Daniel E. McCarthy, department quartermaster, sent 200 letters to men who are nationally prominent in industry.

The amount raised by the German municipalities for the relief of families of soldiers has reached about 2,000,000,000 marks (\$500,000,000). The federal treasury will turn over to the municipalities at a later date 500,000 marks.

Thomas Gillin, a prominent ranchman of Falcon, Colo., and Mrs. Mary E. Simmons, his housekeeper, were found dead with bullet holes in their heads.

Maddin Summers of Nashville, Tenn., acting chief of the bureau of Latin-American affairs in the state department, has been selected for consul-general at Moscow, Russia, and will have charge of war prisoners' relief work.

Stephen Van Allen of New York, a recluse who for more than two years has been leading a secluded life on his luxurious motor boat, shot himself to death on the boat.

A court martial at Klagenfurt has sentenced Gen. Riedel, in command at Gorizia when the city was captured by Italians, to dismissal from the army and loss of his rank and pension.

Three trainmen were killed in a wreck on the Lehigh & New England railroad near Easton, Pa.

Secretary of State Lansing has admitted that he instructed Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, and Gerard, at Berlin to make formal inquiry of the German and Austrian governments for facts concerning the attacks by a submarine on the American steamer Oweaga.

Robert Quarles, 104 years old, and Jane Stewart, 91, wards of the county poor house, have been married. Quarles is a native of Kentucky. The couple have departed for Cooper Hill, Tenn., to "start life anew."

The British steamer Quebra, 2,801 tons, has foundered after striking a rock west of the Big Blasket island, off the coast of Kerry. Thirty-four of the crew have been landed at Ventry. The captain and two others are missing.

Mrs. Frances C. Axtell, president of the Washington State Congressional union opposing Wilson, has resigned her office and will stamp the state in the president's behalf, according to a telegram received at the White House.

Capt. George Stillson, commanding the expedition of three tugs engaged in the salvaging of the \$1,000,000 cargo of the sunken steamer Merida off the Virginia capes, says the wreck has been located.

A Christmas ship is on her way from Seattle to Alaska. She is the motor ship Kuskokwim River, which is headed for the stream whose name she bears. Her cargo, which includes Christmas toys and gifts, is destined for seldom visited points far up the Kuskokwim and other places in the interior.

Mrs. Julius Cojensko of Greenwich, Conn., is 27 years old and is the mother of 13 children, eight of whom are dead. Triplets and twins were born in the last seven months, but only lived a few hours. The mother is in good health.

Alvan F. Holbrook, well-known playwright, is dead here after he had been thrown from the running board of an automobile in which he was riding from Plandome to his home at Port Washington.

Three men were killed when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Burlington train eight miles east of Lincoln, Neb.

The world's production of crude petroleum in 1915 of 426,892,673 barrels, was the greatest in history and larger by 23,194,307 barrels than the previous record of 1914.

The Vossische Zeitung has stated that 430,000 iron crosses have been distributed since the outbreak of the war.

Mrs. Ethel B. Ellis, 33 years old, and Mrs. John Bonnell, 64, both of Tulsa, Ok., were killed when an automobile in which they were speeding from Denver to Estes Park was struck by an electric train.

Dr. T. T. Matlock, 35, member of a prominent family, shot his wife then himself. There is no hope for Mrs. Matlock's recovery. Three young children of the couple witnessed the shooting which followed a quarrel.

Six men in a broker's office were lined up against the wall in a room high up in the Baltimore building, Chicago, a downtown skyscraper, by two robbers, who took about \$1,000 from them.

A government inquiry into the execution of Sheehy Skeffington and two other Irishmen named MacIntyre and Dickson, who took part in the Dublin uprising in Porto Bello barracks, April 26, has begun.

Recovering from an attack of infantile paralysis, Charlie Edwards, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Edwards of Greenville, N. C., has developed an unusual liking for tobacco. His parents declare he consumes four cigars a day.

The police force of Sherbrooke, Quebec, whose request for higher pay was recently refused by the city council, have decided to strike. The city council, in a militant mood, retaliated with a threat to raise an amateur force.

Capt. Poillon of New York arrived in Colorado Springs with the intention of marrying Miss Winifred Robinson, beautiful heiress, only to be informed that she is going to marry Harry Ingersoll of Rockford, Ill.

A five-year search of federal offices ended in the arrest at San Diego, Cal., of a man said to be Edward Hall, husband of the late Ethel Hall, who in the last year of her life was known as the "Queen of Smugglers."

Ralph Lamb, 22, a salesman, was shot in the abdomen, near Abilene, Kan., when an occupant from a passing motor car fired into the Union Pacific train upon which Lamb was a passenger.

Physicians at the Cooper Hospital did their best to soothe Miss Margaret Gilhooly, 18 years old, at Philadelphia. It took quantities of lotions, for her body was covered with the stings of yellow jackets. The girl had stepped into a nest of the insects.

David Mishand and Arthur Meloche were killed and one man is missing as the result of an explosion in the big Du Pont dynamite plant at Barksdale, La. The explosion shook buildings in Ashland.

Announcement of the virtual settlement of the differences between the New York Railway company and their employees, averting a strike, was made by Public Commissioner Harward of New York City.

Clad only in her nightgown, Ruth Harris, 20 years old, of Peoria, Ill., left her room some time before daylight and cannot be found, although the police have taken up the search. Miss Harris was suffering from fever.

Two negro farmers at Gainsville, Fla., turned over Bolesey Long, a negro, who was wanted for killing a constable, to the white posse which lynched five negroes at Newberry, charging that they were hiding the fugitive.

A rumor that Mr. and Mrs. Finley J. Shephard have taken another child into their home, was current around Lyndhurst, home of the former Helen Gould, near Tarrytown, N. Y.

After considerable dickering the Wilson Stove Co. has decided to locate its plant at Metropolis, Ill. The business men of Metropolis gave \$30,000.

Riggers and stavedores at San Francisco, who, on June 1 last, joined the general strike of Pacific coast longshoremen, later returning to work pending arbitration, have accepted a compromise offer of higher wages and a closed shop.

At the closing session of the sixty-second annual convention of the International Typographical Union an arbitration agreement with the American Publishers' Association was ratified.

Ralph Turner of Brownsville, Tex., shot and killed a fellow passenger on a Texas & Pacific train just after the train had pulled out of Longview Junction, Tex.

In a speech to his fellowtownsmen, David-Lloyd George, British minister of war, said: "I am satisfied with the way things are going. I feel for the first time in two years that the nippers are gripping and before long we will hear the crack."

Edward Wright, 33, lost two of his sons at the front and enlisted, as he declares, to avenge their death.

Carl Buffington, 25 year old, is dead in Stillwell, Okla., from wounds inflicted by a sheriff's posse, when he tried to escape from a house six miles east of town.

Lightning ignited a 37,000-barrel steel tank belonging to the Gulf Refining Co. at Port Arthur, Tex. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

Three persons were hurt when an automobile driven by C. P. Brant of Philo, Ill., went over a 30-foot grade at the College street bridge.

LABOR DAY SET BY BROTHERHOOD MEN

STRIKE ORDER CALLS FOR RAIL-
ROAD WALKOUT ON
SEPT. 4.

SEIZURE OF LINES POSSIBLE

President Advocates It Only as a Military
Necessity—Congress Machinery
Probably Too Slow To
Prevent Strike.

Washington.—President Wilson, laying the railway strike situation before congress, with recommendations for legislation, advanced the crisis to a stage where the next developments depend upon two points. They are:

Whether the legislation he proposes can be passed.

If enacted, will it be effective to prevent a strike called for 7 a. m. Sept. 4?

The brotherhood heads themselves announcing their intention to fight certain portions of the president's program, are at loggerheads over whether its enactment would prevent strike.

The railway presidents favorable to President Wilson's plan in the main think it would make it difficult for the strike to begin.

Meanwhile, although negotiations between the employers and men were broken off by the rejection of the railway presidents' latest proposal for arbitration, President Wilson is continuing his efforts to bring the two sides together on some form of agreement.

When the brotherhood leaders rejected the latest proposal of the railroads and definitely set the strike for Labor Day without further notice President Wilson decided to lay the whole situation before congress.

Declaration of an embargo on perishable freight by many railroads and the acceptance of shipments subject to delay in case the trainmen's strike is called featured the latest developments in the strike situation.

Grave fears are entertained that even congress cannot get its machinery into action quick enough to avert the walkout which impends.

The president, among other recommendations discussed in negotiations between the roads and the men, stated that in the event the strike be called government seizure of roads for military necessity was an exigency to receive consideration. This statement is regarded significant and leading to the possible seizure of the roads even in the event of no military necessity if the actual necessities of life should be threatened by lack of transportation facilities a nationwide strike would entail.

CRUISER MEMPHIS ON ROCKS

Driven Ashore On the Rocks of the
Outer Harbor By Sudden
Ground Swell.

San Domingo.—The U. S. armored cruiser Memphis was driven ashore on the rocks of the outer harbor by a great and sudden ground swell. It is said that many lives were lost as a result of the disaster. All fires under the boilers of the Memphis were extinguished by the inrush of water.

Washington.—A cablegram to the navy department Aug. 29 from Santo Domingo announced that the armored cruiser Memphis was ashore and her crew was being disembarked, and that 20 men had been lost with a motor boat in the harbor.

The U. S. cruiser Memphis formerly was the armored cruiser Tennessee. Her name was changed May 25 last. Recently she has been doing duty in San Domingo waters in connection with the revolution. The Memphis is of 14,500 tons; horsepower 23,000.

CULBERSON'S MAJORITY 67,000.

Carries Every County on Border Ex-
cept Presidio, Where 53 Voted.

Dallas, Tex.—Returns from the runoff primary for the Democratic nomination for senator gave U. S. Senator Charles A. Culberson a majority of approximately 67,000 votes over former Governor Oscar B. Colquitt, his opponent, for renomination.

Cut Size of Bread Loaf.

San Francisco.—Two and one-half ounces were lopped from each loaf of bread baked by San Francisco bakers to be sold for 5 cents, and doughnuts were raised from 12 to 15 cents a dozen, as also were snails, rolls and buns. Heretofore the five-cent loaves weighed fifteen ounces.

Soft Drink Man Nominated.

Atlanta.—Asa G. Chandler, millionaire soft drink manufacturer, was nominated for mayor in the Democratic primary, over Jesse Armistead, member of the city council.

37,000 Barrels Gasoline Burn.

Port Arthur, Tex.—Approximately 37,000 barrels of gasoline were destroyed here by a fire which was started when lightning struck a steel tank owned by the Gulf Refining Company. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

BANKING OFFICIAL IS SHOT

John S. Patterson, Texas Bank Exam-
iner, Suffers Bullet Wound.
Former Tennessean.

Waco, Tex.—John S. Patterson, the state commissioner of banking and insurance, is in a local sanitarium, suffering from a bullet wound, received in the Farmers and Merchants' State Bank at Teague.

Mr. Patterson was brought here on a special train, accompanied by State Bank Examiner McKinnon, who was with him at time of the shooting.

McKinnon says Patterson was shot by the president of the bank, and the shooting began, he says, while McKinnon was taking a notice on the front door of the bank stating that the institution had been closed by order of Patterson.

At the sanitarium it was stated Patterson's condition is exceedingly grave. The bullet entered just below the right shoulder blade, and the lungs seem to have been punctured.

Wounded Man Native of Tennessee.

Nashville.—John S. Patterson, who was shot at Teague, Tex., is a Tennessean. His old home is in Rutherford county. After graduating from Cumberland law school he practiced in Murfreesboro for a few years and later came to Nashville. He went west in 1897.

ITALY AT WAR WITH GERMANY

Official Announcement Brings Enthu-
siasm at Rome—Cheering Crowds
Parade the Streets.

Rome.—The official announce-

ment of Italy's declaration of war on Germany as given out here follows:

"The Italian government declares in the name of the king that Italy considers herself to be in a state of war with Germany as from Aug. 23, and begs the Swiss government to convey to this information to the imperial German government."

The official announcement of a state of war between Italy and Germany aroused great enthusiasm. Cheering crowds paraded the streets, applauding the government's decision.

Italy and Germany have been drifting steadily toward war. In fact, Italy's formal declaration amounts to little more than official recognition of a state of affairs which already existed.

At Peace With Germany Until Aug. 28.

Italy's position has been anomalous since she withdrew from the triple alliance and declared war on Austria. Although by this act she arrayed herself against her former allies, Germany and Austria, she remained officially at peace with Germany until Aug. 28. Germany exerted every effort to induce her to remain neutral, sending to Rome an ambassador Prince von Buelow, one of the ablest statesmen of Germany.

The prince for some time averted the war between Austria and Italy, and when he saw a rupture was inevitable he negotiated a special agreement under which, in case of war between Austria and Italy, Germany and Italy pledged themselves to respect the properties and lives of their respective subjects in each others domains. This meant for Germany a guarantee of many millions of dollars' worth of properties in Italy and for Italy the safety of 30,000 Italian subjects in Germany.

Report Italy's Allies Dissatisfied.

According to unofficial reports, Italy's allies were dissatisfied and asked the Italian representatives at the Paris entente conference why their nation was not at war with Germany. Italy already had agreed not to conclude a separate peace and at the Paris conference sanctioned the plan for a permanent high council of the entente powers for future conduct of the war. The increasing co-operation among the entente allies and the necessity for bringing into service Italy's surplus of troops, which could not be employed on the other fronts without bringing on war with Germany, gradually brought Italy into such a position that it became evident a declaration of hostilities against Germany was only a matter of time.

The first overt act in this direction occurred after the Paris conference, probably as a result of it. On Feb. 29 Italy requisitioned 34 of the 37 German steamships interned in Italian ports to help meet the pressing needs of the allies for shipping facilities. Other indications of approaching war have been observed in recent weeks, one of which was the denouncing of the commercial agreement providing for mutual respect of the rights of each other's subjects.

Although officially at peace, Italy and Germany severed diplomatic relations last year. That was why Italy adopted the unusual procedure of asking Switzerland to inform Germany Can Send Available Troops To Front.

Italy's action probably will have little effect on the military situation in the immediate future, although as the war goes on it may have a more important bearing. On the Austro-Italian front, Italy finds active use for hardly more than half her army and in future can send available troops to any front. Having committed herself already to the Macedonian campaign, Italy's step is of no significance as respects that theater of war. Germany hereafter will be free to take such part in the Austro-Italian campaign as may be decided on by the Teutonic allies.